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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE "PRG" MISUSE OF GENEVA LIAISON OFFICE

REF: A. USUN 465; B. GENEVA 818 C. GENEVA 597

D. BERN 412; E. STATE 18055; F. USUN 135

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH MFA PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN GENEVA BY "PRG" REP PHAM VAN BA TO DECRY "PRG" FAILURE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO LOW CONFERENCE (REF B). MFA HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA AND ITS EMBASSY IN BERN TO RAISE MATTER WITH UN AND SWISS AUTHORITIES.

2. IT SEEMS TO US BA'S PRESS CONFERENCE CLEARLY WENT BEYOND LIMITED PURPOSE OF OFFICE AS DESCRIBED REF F, WHICH IS TO FACILITATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THROUGH CONTACTS WITH UNICER AND UNHCR. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ALSO TYPE OF ACTIVITY ABOUT WHICH DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN IN PARAS 2A AND 2C OF REF E. (WE ASSUME PRESS CONFERENCE WAS NOT HELD IN UN TERRITORY, WHICH WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF UN RESPONSIBILITY EVEN MORE DIRECTLY.)

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT US MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA AND
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AMEMBASSY BERN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR VIETNAMESE COLLEAGUES,

RAISE WITH UN AUTHORITIES AND WITH SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL
DEPARTMENT QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS PRESS CONFERENCE WAS COMPATIBLE
WITH ANNOUNCED LIMITATIONS ON FUNCTIONS OF "PRG" OFFICE.
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